

# Columbus Avenue

# Church of Christ

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## ASSEMBLIES OF THE CHURCH

Sunday Morning  
Bible Study:  
9:30 a.m.

Sunday Morning  
Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Evening  
Worship: 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Evening  
Bible Study:  
7:00 p.m.

Bible Study at other  
times by appointment

Office Hours:  
M-F, 9a-2p

## SHARE YOUR MORNING

Most people wake up to an alarm clock ringing at an appointed hour rather than to a rooster crowing in the barnyard. However, for the apostle Peter the crowing rooster on the early morning of Jesus' crucifixion was a wake-up call. It woke him up to who he really was. In Peter's worst moment, he denied his friend and teacher, Jesus. He wept bitterly over his betrayal, and must have experienced terrible guilt and shame.

One morning after His resurrection, Jesus appeared to the disciples, who were fishing at the Sea of Tiberias. He called out from the shore and asked if they had caught any fish. The disciples didn't recognize Him and called back, "No". Jesus told them to cast the net on the other side of the boat, and the catch was so great they were unable to haul it in. They then knew the one directing them was Jesus and headed to shore.

When the disciples arrived, Jesus invited them to eat with Him. "Come and have breakfast," He said. In the dawning hours of the day, the resurrected Jesus cooked breakfast for them.

How do you think Peter felt when, after the greatest failure of his life, Jesus wanted to spend time with him, eat with him, and even help him fish? Jesus sought out the disciple who had let Him down when He needed him most. Moreover, He called Peter to lead His followers.

Like Peter, there are experiences in our days that serve as "wake-up calls" to who we claim to be. Those "wake-up calls" come in the form of opportunities to compromise who we are and what we believe. How do we act when others aren't around? How do we handle situations that can violate our integrity? To live a compromised life is to deny Jesus—just as Peter did. (Titus 1:16)

It is always important for us to spend time with the Lord, but when we need to come clean in our heart, it is especially important. Jesus always invites us to fellowship with Him. He always forgives.

Whatever mistakes or compromises we made yesterday, Jesus still loves us today and says, "Come and share your morning with Me."

*"You, O Lord,.....know the hearts of all."*

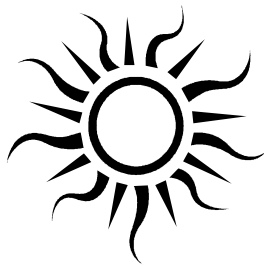
*Acts 1:24*

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**Welcome**

**G**od  
**O**ffers us His  
**O**utstanding  
**D**evotion to  
**M**ake us  
**O**bedient &  
**R**eady for a  
**N**ew day with Him.  
**I**nspire others please, and  
**N**ever forget  
**G**od loves you!



Please take the time to fill out an attendance card and place it in the offering tray at the appropriate time and please remember to silence all pagers and cell phones during worship.

There is an attended nursery for ages 2 and under available each Sunday morning. Marjorie Hollingsworth will be available to care for your children this morning.

Bible Hour, a worship service designed for children ages 3-4th grade and taught on their level, is also available. Children will be dismissed after the Lord’s Supper Observance.

**To our members:** Please take the time to fill out an Event Card and place it in the offering tray. We would like a record of how often we, as a congregation, have reached out to our brethren each week. Thank you.

*-The Elders*

**Sunday Morning Worship Schedule**

**Greeting the Assembly:** Bob Moorman

**Song Service led by:** Jim Morris

*895 –I’ll Live in Glory*

*890– In the Land of Fadeless Day*

**Prayer:** Robert Allison

*605-I Will Serve You*

**Contribution**

*683-I Am Mine No More*

**The Lord’s Supper**

1st Prayer– Jim Harrison

2nd Prayer—Charles Buckner

**463(vs. 1-3)-I Know Who Holds Tomorrow**  
(Children dismissed to classes)

**854-When He Comes in Glory By and By**

**Scripture Reading:** Proverbs 8:1-11  
Robert Allison

**Congregation:** Psalms 118:24  
*“This is the day that the Lord has made;  
I will rejoice and be glad in it!”*

**Lesson:** Gary Meeker

*606-Remind Me, Dear Lord*

**Announcements:** Gary Meeker

**456-There’s a Rainbow in the Cloud**

**Prayer:** Mike Wade



**The Watering Hole:**

***Gospel Minutes-***

**What is Right with the Church?**



## **Sunday Morning Sermon: Wisdom's Plea To Be Heard**

Text: Proverbs 8:1-11

1) Does not wisdom call out? Does not understanding raise her voice? 2) On the heights along the way, where the paths meet, she takes her stand; 3) beside the gates leading into the city, at the entrances, she cries aloud: 4) "To you, O men, I call out; I raise my voice to all mankind. 5) You who are simple, gain prudence; you who are foolish, gain understanding. 6) Listen, for I have worthy things to say; I open my lips to speak what is right. 7) My mouth speaks what is true, for my lips detest wickedness. 8) All the words of my mouth are just; none of them is crooked or perverse. 9) To the discerning all of them are right; they are faultless to those who have knowledge. 10) Choose my instruction instead of silver, knowledge rather than choice gold, 11) for wisdom is more precious than rubies, and nothing you desire can compare with her.

### **I. The Plea Of Wisdom**

A. She desires to be heard

B. She desires to be heard by all

C. She desires to impart great things

### **II. The Value Of Wisdom**

A. Seen in what she possesses

B. Seen in what she gives

### **III. The Possession Of Wisdom**

A. By the lord before creation

B. By the Lord in His acts of creation

### **IV. The Blessedness Of Wisdom**

A. For those willing to keep her ways

B. For those willing to listen intently

## Sunday Evening Sermon:

## Apparel Of Christ

Text: Colossians 3:12-17

12) Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. 13) Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. 14) And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. 15) Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. 16) Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. 17) And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

### I. The Context

A. Christians have been raised with Christ

B. Christians are to seek things above

C. Christians are to put off the old man

### II. The Meaning

A. The necessary apparel

B. The necessary accessories

### III. The Application

A. Adornment begins with being raised with Christ

B. Adornment requires a new mindset

C. Adornment requires a concentrated effort



**Before the Father's Throne:**

**Bill Etchison** had a heart catheterization done last Wednesday. He will be having another procedure done soon.

**Kathy Walker's** daughter, **Pam Tenpenny**, will have major surgery August 10.

**Elisabeth Case** will soon be having tests done on her bladder and kidneys.

**Ron Johnson** will be having foot surgery later this month.

**With Deepest Sympathy:** **Adrienne Marlette, Nikki Wade's** daughter, passed away from injuries sustained from an accident. Donations are being accepted and a trust fund has been established at National City Bank to help with the cost of the funeral. The funeral was last Friday. Please keep the Wade family in your prayers during their time of loss.

**Those doing the Lord's work in Nigeria need our prayers:**

**Edu Okorie**, a brother in Christ, was kidnapped by militant Muslims on July 22 in Nigeria. A ransom was paid for his release and he is now home with his family, but with a heavy guard for fear of another kidnapping.

**Dr. Bob Whittaker**, Director of the Nigerian Christian Hospital, was kidnapped. The Whittaker's night watchman was hit twice but at this posting is still alive. Bob was shot in the arm and was taken away. Annette, Bob's wife, got some tile fragments in her leg from a piece of floor tile that shattered from a bullet. Annette wanted everyone to know that she and their son, Ozioma, are fine." **Since receiving this information, Dr. Whittaker has been released! However, the injury he sustained when shot in the arm may prevent him from performing surgeries.**

**FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WITH ON-GOING HEALTH CONCERNS:** Bill Beck, Ron Johnson, Jerry Johnston, Dennis Keener, Don & Debbie Archer, Debbie Bair, Wayne & Wilda Bryan, Della Stalcup, Harriet Hobbs, Jean & Jerry Weir, Jean Kendall, Luther Hodges, Lois Montgomery, Mattye Gum

**OUR HOMEBOUND:** Mattye Gum, Laura Oliver, Laverne Toombs, Thelma Smith, Phyllis Fraser, Nina McIntyre, Garnet McKinney, Becky Adkins, Edna Bookout

**OUR NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS:**

**Community Northview:** Margie Tompkins, Robbie Dickerson

**Manor Care:** Selbert & Jewell Braden, Charlie Callendar

**Community Parkview, Elwood:** Albert Burton

**Meadowbrook Rehab Center:** LaTheda Hathcoat

**Miller's Merry Manor, Middletown:** Gladys Boles, Bob & Betty Hathcoat

**Miller's Merry Manor, Chesterfield:** Mary Janes, Gladys Sanders, Wendell Parson, Bessie Coppock

**OUR MISSION WORKERS:** Jody Apple (PA), Vito & Antonietta Ligorio (Italy), Ned Isonguyo (Nigeria)

**Rawlins House, Pendleton:** Betty Wunder

**Summitville Convalescent Center:** Lola Conner

**Bethany Point Health Campus:** Jean Kendall

**July Totals:**

**(Events Cards)** Visit: 40  
Transportation: 31  
Encouragement: 68  
Benevolence: 16  
Special Needs: 30  
Calls: 6  
Other: 6

**(Visitation)** Nursing Home/Homebound: 16 of 23  
Widows: 12 of 18  
In Town Visitors: 4 of 6  
Extended Absences: 2 of 4  
New Members: 0 of 1

***Grand Total: 254***

**Grand Total: 34 of 52= 65%**

**DATES TO REMEMBER...**

**Today** Mercer Bridal Shower 3:00-5:00

**Aug. 13** Ladies Devo, 7pm

**Aug. 13-16** Gospel Meeting @ Southport, Indianapolis

**Aug. 14-16** Gospel Meeting @ South Broadway, Huntington

**Aug. 15** Mattox Baby Shower, 1:00 pm

**Aug. 15** Mercer/Porter Wedding, 6:30 pm.

**Aug. 16** Birthday/Anniversary Pitch-in

**Aug. 18** Ladies Lunch

**Aug. 29** Grades 3-6 Monthly Get Together

**Aug. 29** Grades 7-12 Monthly Get Together

**Aug. 30** Secret Sister Party



**Bridal Shower**

There will be a bridal shower for Brittany Mercer today from 3:00 to 5:00 pm here at the building. Brittany is registered at JCPenny, Kohl's and Target.

**Ladies Devotional**

The next Ladies Devo is this Thursday at 7pm at Mattye Gum's. We need someone to lead our discussion. If you can help, please sign up on the Devo's and Such bulletin board.



**Gospel Meetings**



Jim Harrison and Luke Jackson will be speaking at the Gospel Meeting hosted by the **South Broadway Church of Christ in Huntington**, August 14-16.

On Saturday, August 15, there will be an activity period from 2-6 pm. Outdoor games, corn-hole tournament, and for anyone who would like to bowl, a group will be going to Oak Lanes from 4 until 5:15 pm. Cost is \$1.50 per game and \$1.25 for shoes.

The **Southport Church of Christ in Indianapolis** is hosting a Gospel Meeting on August 13-16. Mike Willis will be speaking on Archaeology and the Bible. Song Leaders and singers are invited to join in on a singing session at 6:30 pm on the 15th.

More information regarding these Gospel Meetings is posted on the Devo's and Such bulletin board.

**Baby Shower**



There will be a baby shower for April Mattox on Saturday, August 15, at 1:00 pm here at the Church Building. She is registered at Babies 'R Us. Please see Judy Lippman for gift ideas.

IT'S A BOY!

**Happy Birthday to:**

Jim Morris.....Aug. 12  
Miles Gooding.....Aug. 14



**Happy Anniversary to:**

Mark & Lorna Gooding...Aug. 12  
Ron & Teresa Johnson....Aug. 12



*Mr. and Mrs. Scott William Mercer  
request the honor of your presence  
at the marriage of their daughter  
Ms. Brittany Susanne Mercer  
to Mr. Douglas Thomas Porter  
son of Mr. and Mrs. Barth Ford Porter  
on Saturday, August 15 at 6:30 pm  
Paramount Theatre Centre and Ballroom  
1124 Meridian St., Anderson  
(Reception to follow)*



*The couple is registered at JCPenney, Kohl's and Target.*

### **Ladies Lunch**



Tuesday, Aug. 18, at 11:30 am at Ponderosa. Please sign up to attend.

### **Secret Sister Party**

It is almost time to reveal your secret identity! Those in the Secret Sister Program will meet on Sunday, August 30 at 4:00 pm. Please bring a final gift for your secret sister. If you are not currently involved and want to be, bring a small anonymous gift. If you would like to bring an afternoon snack in to share, you are welcome to. We will be drawing times for the next term. If you have questions, see Lorna.



### **Teacher Needed**

We are still in need of a teacher for the Grades 7-9 Wednesday night class. If you can help, please see Richard Shelton.



### **Birthday/Anniversary Pitch-in**

Sunday, August 16, immediately after our evening assembly. Theme: Finger Foods



### **Youth News**

**GRADES 3-6** will meet at the Allison's (5066 Perry Ave., Anderson) for snacks and games on Saturday, August 29, from 2 to 4 pm. *(If rain is predicted we will meet at the church building).*

**GRADES 7-12** will meet at the Shelton's (2537 S. 300 E., Anderson) on Saturday, August 29, from 7-9 pm for a bonfire. Ryan will have some other things planned too!

SIGN UP ON THE YOUTH BULLETIN BOARD TO ATTEND THESE EVENTS.



### **Shults-Lewis Change for Children**

About this time each year we fill change cans for the Shults- Lewis Children's Home. This year, we're doing it a bit differently. Between now and September 13, please drop any spare change and donations into the can provided in the Family Room. Our goal is to collect \$500. We will keep track of the donations each week and post our progress. As the woman with two mites was blessed by the Lord, so may the children be blessed with our gifts.



***Don't forget about Bibles for China (Aug. 30 deadline),  
Medicine Bottles for Africa, and Freedom from Hunger***

**TODAY'S SERVANTS**

**DOOR GREETERS:**

**SOUTH:** Lois Gaw  
**MIDDLE:** Kevin Wash  
**NORTH:** Jim Hodges

**ALTERNATE SCRIPTURE READER:** Bill Beals

**NURSERY ATTENDANT:** Marjorie Hollingsworth

**EVENING WORSHIP LEADERS**

**SONG LEADER:** Jay Allison  
**OPENING PRAYER:** Ryan Cox  
**LESSON:** Gary Meeker  
**CLOSING PRAYER:** Mark Gooding

**SERVING NEXT LORD'S DAY- AUGUST 16, 2009**

**DOOR GREETERS:**

**SOUTH:** Matthew Johnson  
**MIDDLE:** Nick Allison  
**NORTH:** Ben Wade

**GREETING THE ASSEMBLY:** Ryan Cox

**SONG LEADERS:**

**A.M.** Kevin Wash      **P.M.** Ryan Cox

**THE LORD'S TABLE:**

**1ST PRAYER:** Gary Meeker  
**2ND PRAYER:** Dave Parson

**SCRIPTURE READING:**

**PRIMARY:** Joe Wolf  
**ALTERNATE:** Miles Gooding

**LEADING IN PRAYER:**

**A.M. OPENING:** Norman Alexander  
**A.M. CLOSING:** Jay Allison  
**P.M. OPENING:** Richard Shelton  
**P.M. CLOSING:** Ed Boles

**NURSERY ATTENDANT:** Summer Cox

**WEDNESDAY EVENING- AUGUST 12, 2009**

**SONG LEADER:** Austin Hawkins  
**DEVOTIONAL:** Jim Harrison  
**CLOSING PRAYER:** Ray Smith

**Goals & Achievements**

**Attendance**

	<b><u>Last Week</u></b>
Sunday Bible Class	95
Sunday A.M. Worship	206
Sunday P.M. Worship	102
Wednesday Evening	96

**Gifts & Offerings**

<b><u>Budget</u></b>	<b><u>Actual</u></b>	<b><u>Difference</u></b>
\$3,716.78	\$3,850.96	(+\$134.18)

**AUGUST ASSIGNMENTS**

**ASSISTING ON THE LORD'S TABLE:**

Bill Etchison	B.R. Hathcoat	Ben Wade
Justin Mattox	Mike Wade	Larry Brown

**BAPTISMAL CLOTHING:** Chris & Antonia Hollingsworth

**COMMUNION:** Chris & Antonia Hollingsworth

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Gary Meeker

**CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOUR TEACHERS:**

**Ages 3-5:** Charlotte Meeker & Judy Lippman

**Grades K-4:** Richard Shelton

**SHEPHERDS OF THE FLOCK**

Norman Alexander	378-6420
Robert Allison, Sr.	534-3569
Barry King	778-4624
Gary Meeker	778-2868

**PREACHING MINISTER**

Gary Meeker	778-2868
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**YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTER**

Ryan Cox	643-5152
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**SERVANTS OF THE CHURCH**

BENEVOLENCE, Dale Wiles	644-5387
EDUCATION/YOUTH, Richard Shelton	378-3945
FACILITIES, Ray Smith	649-7279
FELLOWSHIP, Gary Johnson	378-7179
FINANCES/BUDGET, Dan Smith	642-4819
HEAT/AIR SYSTEMS, Jim Hodges	649-5143
INVOLVEMENT, Jim Harrison	642-8668
MISSIONS, Jay Allison	649-5607
SAFETY SYSTEMS, Charles Buckner	642-6991
SUPPORT/SPECIAL SERVICES, Mark Gooding	724-9428
WORSHIP, Jim Morris	534-4448